GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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BIO-DIVERSITY RULES, 2004
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has framed and notified the rules under Bio-Diversity Act, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Panchayats and Gram Sabhas were consulted in framing the Biodiversity Rules, 2004;

(d) if so, the suggestions which came from them;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Panchayats and Gram Sabhas have protected against the Rules and passed some resolutions;

g) if so, the details thereof; and

h) the steps taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Biological Diversity Rules, 2004 were framed and notified on 15th April, 2004 under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

(c), (d) & (e) : The draft Rules were circulated to various stakeholders viz. State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, Non Governmental Organisations and experts in this field. After incorporating appropriate suggestions, the rules were notified in consultation with Ministry of Law.

(f), (g) & (h) : The Rules have vested enough powers to the Local Management Committees. As per Rule 14 of the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, the National Biodiversity Authority shall consult local bodies before granting any permission for access to biological resources and associated knowledge to any user agency. The community representatives can exercise their wisdom and rights while consenting or disagreeing to any such request.